

## **Vic Willi Award for Youth**

Do you care about disability rights? Are you a young disabled leader or activist? If so, your contributions to the community could be recognized with a cash prize of \$1,000!

The **Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (CILT)** is proud to present the **2025 Vic Willi Award for Youth**, granted to a young disabled person showing leadership in disability activism and disability rights.

The award recipient will receive:

- Cash prize of \$1,000
- Opportunity to have their contributions linked on CILT's website and social media

Eligibility criteria:

- 16 to 29 years of age
- Person with physical, sensory, mental health related and/or cognitive disability
- Are making a difference with challenging assumptions about disability, are change makers in the community, or display emerging leadership in disability activism and disability rights
- Impacting key areas affecting life with a disability (transportation, accessibility, education, housing, service, integration, etc.)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

To apply:

- Complete the application form
- Write a personal essay or record a video demonstrating:
  - What you been doing or plan to do relevant to the criteria above
  - Why and how the award will help to increase personal leadership skills/ knowledge in the disability community
  - How the award money could be used to further leadership endeavours
- Applications can be self-nomination or by another person, in which case the nominator must submit a letter of reference
- Please submit your completed application by email to [cilt@cilt.ca](mailto:cilt@cilt.ca)



# Centre for Independent Living in Toronto

## Vic Willi Award for Youth Application Form

The Application Form requires Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Adobe (.pdf).

<b>Personal Information:</b>			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Address:			Apartment:
City:	Province:	Country:	Postal Code:
Phone Number:		E-mail:	
<b>Essay/Video Submission:</b>			
Title of Essay/Video (ensure essay is attached as a Word or pdf document unless you are supplying a link below)			
Link to Essay/Video (if applicable):			
<b>Applicant Agreement</b>			
CILT collects this information for its personal records and for the purposes of administering the award and contacting applicants about their application. Your personal information will only be made public with your explicit permission.			

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